MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) May I know whether there is any rule fixing the proportion of graduates and undergraduates among Inspectors ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) ; There is no such hard and fast rule. Government have recently passed orders stating that the existing proportion of graduates among Inspectors is rather low and that in future preference may be given to graduates in the matter of promotion.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any fixed proportion or only a general direction that graduates should be given preference ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No fixed proportion in the matter of recruitment.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether any proportion is fixed for the recruitment of Inspectors from the staff of the Head Office and the Division Offices on the one hand and the Executive staff on the other hand ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : There is no hard and fast rule in the matter.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to item No. 5 in the Appendix, may I know how that man happend to go into the Excise Department?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The reason is explained in the answer itself. He was a supernumerary hand in the Industries Department and was ordered to be absorbed in this Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether there is any non-graduate Sub-Inspector or clerk getting above Rs. 50 who is senior to Mr. Govinda Pillai ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Sub-Inspectors are getting only Rs. 45 or below There are clerks getting Rs. 50 in the scale of Rs. 40-70

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What is the qualification prescribed by the Public Service Commissioner for appointment of Inspectors?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Inspectors are to be appointed by promotion. The Public Service Commissioner is concerned only with direct recruitment.

First Class Magistrate's Court at Changanachery.

72. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the citizens of Changanachery, who waited in deputation on the Dewan, have submitted a memorial pointing out the necessity for sanctioning a First Class Magistrate's Court at Changanachery ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken upon it ?

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RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question was dropped.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know why the question was dropped?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question was considered and Government thought it unnecessary to continue the court; so the question was dropped.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether Government had established a temporary 1st Class Magistrate's court at Changanachery?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir, for a brief period.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know how long that worked?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was established in the latter part of 1109 and continued till the end of 1110.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): What was the reason for establishing a temporary court?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To clear off the arrears in the Kottayam First Class Magistrate's Court.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know why the court was stopped?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A large portion of the arrears was disposed of by the temporary 1st Class Magistrate at Changanachery and the remaining cases were transferred to the file of the Ist Class Magistrate at Kottayam. As a temporary measure, the Second Class Magistrate at Kottayam was also invested with 1st Class powers. It is hoped that the arrears will be cleared completely before the end of this year.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether the temporary 1st Class Magistrate's Court established at Changanachery cleared off the arrears before it was stopped?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know how much is pending?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the figures with me. I claim notice.

Muslims in the Forest Department.

73. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Muslims in the Forest Department drawing Rs. 20 and above, showing how many of them are permanent and how many are temporary?

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